

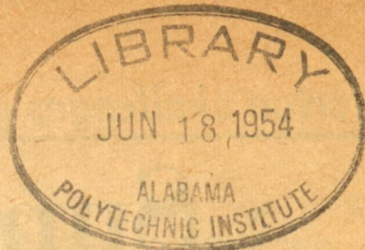
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Segregation policies, architecture discussed

Trustees Hold Spring Meeting

AUBURN WILL CONTINUE its present policies for admitting students, the of Trustees decided at its spring meeting on the campus June 7.

Alabama Polytechnic Institute plans to await the outcome of segregation cases which will be re-argued in the fall before making any changes.

Gov. Gordon Persons, '25, chairman of the board, who was unable to attend the meeting, agrees that the college should await further developments, President Ralph B. Draughon reported.

Draughon's statement

IN A PREPARED statement on segregation, Dr. Draughon said:

"The Supreme Court of the United States on May 17, 1954, announced its decision on the question of segregation and ordered five cases then before the Court to be retried in terms of the new interpretation of the Constitution of the United States as it relates to the legality of segregated schools.

"Briefly, the decision held that neither the Fifth Amendment fully covered the question of segregation in the District of Columbia, nor did the 14th Amendment fully cover the question in the several states. For this reason, the Court set aside all precedents and decreed that segregation of the races in public schools and colleges was not in the spirit of the Constitution, and was, therefore, illegal.

"This decision was coupled with an order that all of the five cases on educational segregation be retried in the light of the new interpretation of the Constitution. These cases will come before the Supreme Court next Fall.

"In my opinion, API should await the outcome of these cases before any change is made in its present policy."

\$11,925,000 budget

PAUL HALEY, '01, vice chairman of the trustees from Jasper, presided. He presented a \$11,925,000 budget which was unanimously adopted for Alabama Polytechnic Institute for 1954-55.

The budget included funds for Auburn's three divisions, instruction, agricultural extension and research.

President Draughon reported the State Building Commission has allotted API \$60,000 for repairs to Samford and Broun Halls and the electrical-engineering building.

'Serious' situation

A "VERY SERIOUS" situation—involving clashes of philosophy and personality—has developed in the department of architecture within the past two years, President Draughon reported. He said the morale of students and some faculty had dropped, although studies show that the quality of the work done by students this year has been "as good as in the past" and the equipment and facilities are "much better than ever before."

While not minimizing the loss of six faculty members from the department, the president told the board he believes "the high quality of instruction in the department will be maintained and that the department will continue to train



AUBURN'S BOARD OF Trustees met at API June 7. A recent picture of the board shows Dr. Joe Davis, '42, Albertville; Judge W. L. Parrish, '17, Clanton; Redus Collier, '27, Decatur; G. H.

Wright, '19, Auburn; Paul S. Haley, '01, vice chairman, Jasper; Miss Berta Dunn, secretary to the president; W. J. Terry, state superintendent of education; Frank P. Samford, '14, Birmingham, (not pres-

ent); E. A. Roberts, '21, Mobile; President Ralph B. Draughon, '22. Trustees attending the meeting, but who are not pictured are V. F. Summerlin, Luverne; Jimmy Hitchcock, '33, Union Springs.

superior architects for practice in the State of Alabama, the South and the country."

Dean Frank M. Orr, '24, of the School of Architecture has already hired one new faculty member.

"Dean Orr is responsible for administration and ought to be given a chance to correct the situation in the department," Dr. Draughon said. "It would be unfair to the dean to do otherwise. I believe it is my duty to give him every chance," the president added.

He reminded the trustees that Dean Orr, who has been on the faculty since 1928, was appointed to head the school in 1949 upon the approval and recommendation of the architectural faculty and the Alabama Society of Architects.

Dr. Draughon noted that the dean "is not without blame for allowing this situation to develop without being aware of it and taking steps toward its solution."

"On the other hand," he continued, "this situation is not so deplorable as has been pictured. Those faculty members remaining in the department are both loyal and vigorous in support of the program of instruction."

Campus TV studio

THE AUBURN TRUSTEES instructed President Draughon to work with the Alabama Educational Television Commission and the State Building Commission to construct and equip a television studio on the Auburn campus. The Building Commission has allocated \$113,500 for studios, and the TV Commission has provided funds, roughly estimated at \$50,000, for additional necessary equipment. The API studios will be connected to the State TV Commission's

transmitter on Cheaha Mountain near Munford.

Under an agreement with the commission, API, University of Alabama, and the public schools will each provide an equal amount of programming for the educational television station at Cheaha. Plans call for actual programs to be telecast by late fall. These will be received on television sets now in use in the state.

The board also urged, in a resolution to the FCC, the allocation of Channel 2 to serve the Southeast and Southwest Alabama areas with educational TV. If granted to the Alabama TV Commission, the transmitter will be located near Andalusia.

Alumni bequests

THE BOARD members accepted gifts from two alumni, subject to the terms of their wills. The estate of James Seybourn Boyd, '03, who died March 15 in Washington, D. C., was left as a life remainder in trust to his wife. On her death, about \$450,000 will come to API as an endowment for scholarships for worthy and needy students of Alabama.

Swope D. Gilbert, '01, retired New York engineer who died in Florida in December, left his 1,200-acre Colbert County farm for agricultural and demonstration purposes and \$100,000 for a scholarship loan trust fund to API. Because of life remainder provisions of his will, it may be 15 or 20 years before Auburn will begin to derive benefit from this bequest, Attorney William Samford, '20, said.

The gift of the late Prof. Charles R. Hixon's engineering books to the Auburn Engineering Library was described as a "fitting memorial" to the 1907 graduate who served as head of

the mechanical engineering department for 46 years, until his death in January.

Resolutions over his death and the death of Alex O. Taylor, '21, director of engineering extension and cooperative engineering, were adopted by the trustees.

Apartment site sold

THE BOARD authorized the sale of the Hare Apartments site to the Housing Authority of the City of Auburn for \$37,500. This will open the way for the construction of 75 permanent-type family dwellings to replace the college-owned temporary units now standing.

Business Manager Travis Ingram explained that the government surplus apartments were given to the college to meet an acute post-war housing shortage for veterans and their families. They have deteriorated rapidly, and are now "sub-standard" housing.

The trustees accepted a \$5,000 grant from Wilcox County to add to a \$3,500 legislative appropriation for construction of an auditorium and office building at the Lower Coastal Plains Substation, Camden.

Plans for an addition to the building which the college rents to the Soil Conservation were approved.

In other action, the board approved the 1954-55 catalog.

Members attending the board meeting include Dr. Joe Davis, '42, Albertville; V. S. Summerlin, Luverne; W. L. Parrish, '17, Clanton; Redus Collier, '27, Decatur; Jimmy Hitchcock, '33, Union Springs; G. H. Wright, '19, Auburn; E. A. Roberts, '21, Mobile; W. J. Terry, state superintendent of education.

Walker Reynolds, '08, Anniston, and Frank P. Samford, '14, Birmingham, did superintendent of education, and Mr. Haley.

Support Public Education

A "BURNING CHALLENGE" to preserve the present system of public education was issued to 549 API graduates at the spring commencement in Cliff Hare Stadium June 5.

Dr. E. B. Norton, president of Florence State Teachers College and a former Alabama State Superintendent of Education, pointed out to the graduates that 1954 marks the 100th anniversary of Alabama's public education program.

He called upon them to give "loyal, fearless support" to public education to preserve our American democracy. "Demonstrate your power for good as an educated personality in a free land," he dared his audience.

Education is basically the responsibility of the state—and probably the most important single responsibility, Dr. Norton explained. He cited the similarity of laws providing education in all 48 states, although there was "no compulsion from the federal government."

API stamp of approval

AN AUBURN DIPLOMA represents "a stamp of approval" by the Alabama Polytechnic Institute certifying that the graduate not only is technically prepared for life, but is trained as well to assume the personal responsibilities of citizenship.

In addition, Dr. Norton explained, the diploma symbolizes the hopes, sacrifices and aspirations of parents and family, the faith of a community in the educational system and in today's youth, and the success of the land-grant college ideal of education for all.

Repeating the story of Moses, Dr. Norton emphasized how his entire life served as preparation for the time when he was called to lead the Children of Israel out of Egypt.

"Surely for every person of outstanding ability who possesses the qualifications for leadership there is, in this atomic age of world tensions, a flaming, unconsumed, burning bush of challenge. Find yours and stand before it if you are a potential Moses," he instructed the graduates.

24,589 degrees given

PRESIDENT RALPH B. Draughon, assisted by Registrar Charles Edwards, presented the diplomas. With the spring graduation, Auburn has conferred 1,306 degrees during the scholastic year.

President Draughon noted that API has now awarded 24,589 degrees in its history. Of these, 11,876 were awarded



DR. E. B. NORTON

during the first 73 years, and 11,853—almost an equal number—have been conferred during the past eight years. There has been a total of 2,313 graduate degrees.

The spring graduating class included 33 who received master's degrees. Other degrees by schools were Agriculture, 52; Architecture, 28; Chemistry, 15; Education, 114; Engineering, 106; Home Economics, 29; Pharmacy, 20; Science and Literature, 91; and Veterinary Medicine, 61.

Ten of the candidates for degrees were designated "with highest honor." Eight were graduates "with high honor" and 14 "with honor."

Commissions presented

GRADUATES, as in other recent classes, include many who will report for active duty in military branches soon. In ceremonies which preceded graduation, 136 Army, 28 Navy and 24 Air Force graduates were commissioned.

Also earlier in the day, President and Mrs. Draughon entertained the students, their families, friends and the faculty at the traditional coffee in Smith Hall.

Graduates' plans

MANY MEMBERS of the graduating class reported to the Auburn Alumni Association on plans for the future. Those notifying the Alumni office follow:

James S. Murray will go with Riegel Textile Corp., Trion, Ga. Other engineers include James E. Baskerville, who

will join Cooke-Wood Construction Co., Birmingham; Robert L. Parker, TCI, Birmingham; William H. Morgan, Lockheed, Marietta, Ga.

Benjamin A. Williams, Jr., will work at Westinghouse in Baltimore, Md. RCA in Camden, N. J., has hired Thomas C. Lawson, Robert W. Beers and J. D. P. Arnold, Jr.

Reporting to TVA will be Fred N. Beason in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Edward W. Crabtree, Jr., in Knoxville, Tenn. George H. Atkins and George T. Dowe will join Allis-Chalmers in Milwaukee, Wis. Cecil W. Greene will work at Babcock and Wilson Boiler Manufacturing Co. in Jacksonville, Fla. J. Bill Edwards will go with Tablerock Laboratories, Greenville, S. C.

Teachers, students

MERRIEL L. Northrop will teach commercial subjects at the Flomaton High School. Other education graduates who reported future plans to the alumni office include Charles A. Farrow, who will teach social studies and music at Alexander City Junior High School; Henry C. Bailey, who will teach in Miami, Fla.; L. Carolyn Walthall, who will teach the third grade at Bellin-grath School, Montgomery.

William E. Patrick will join a Rome, Ga., high school faculty. Sabra L. Stough will teach at Harrison Elementary School in Montgomery. Mrs. Patricia Ramage Bryan will teach in Opelika Junior High School in the fall.

Noah Lisenby will enter Emory University Theological Seminary. James A. Mann will enter Dental School in Birmingham in the fall.

Entering business with their fathers will be Robert M. Dixon, who will join M. C. Dixon Lumber Co. in Eufaula, and Harold T. Willcutt, who will work at Willcutt Manufacturing and Building Co. in Oakman.

Druggists, vets

T. H. FAIRCLOTH, Jr., will be employed at Roberts Pharmacy, Donaldsonville, Ga. Pharmacy graduate Roger A. Everett will join Albright and Wood in Mobile.

Veterinarians will practice in many Southern states. Dr. Robert H. Stine will join Dr. L. E. (Ty) Irby, '43, in Mobile and Dr. Gene Bearden will also practice in Mobile. Dr. Robert B. Bealle will establish a private practice in Pascagoula, Miss. Dr. James A. Peters will join Dr. J. A. Goodwin in New Iberia, La., where he served his internship. Dr. Norman D. Thurmon will be associated with Dr. W. R. Lawrence in practice at Dyersburg, Tenn.

Ens. Robert D. Culbertson will serve aboard the USS Oglethorpe. His address will be (AKA 00) care of FPO, New York. Ensign Clyde E. Hamilton will be stationed at Pensacola, Fla., Naval Station. Robert C. Morgan will enter service in the fall. He will spend the summer in Blue Ridge, N. C.

William P. Ivey will join Arkansas-Louisiana Gas Co. at Shreveport, La. David A. Baggett will work as landscape supervisor for TCI in Birmingham. Holland L. Helton, Jr., will join Good-year in Atlanta.

Music camp

PATRICIA HARRIS will serve as an associate counselor at the Interlochen, Mich., summer music camp.

Jane Parks will spend the summer at Camp Mac near Talladega. James T. Perry will report for Army service at Fort Knox, Ky., July 11. Mayford D. Williams will become an associate forester at the API Experiment Station in Fayette. Paul R. Cox, Jr., has joined Chemstrand in Decatur.

Joe Fred Hildreth will be employed

at Citizens and Southern National Bank, Atlanta, Ga. James L. Roberts will work for General Electric in Syracuse, N. Y. Ensign A. P. Christopher will serve aboard the USS Calvert.

Sullivan Awards Presented

WILLIAM BURNS PATERSON, Sr., '02, president of Montgomery's Rosemont Gardens, was selected to receive API's 1954 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for a non-student.

Other winners were Ann Elizabeth Thompson, Daviston, June graduate in home economics; and George Robert Burns, Ashland, March graduate in agriculture.

The Sullivan awards, presented by the New York Southern Society in honor of its first president, are considered among the highest non-scholastic honors a graduate may receive. The three annual award winners are selected on the basis of "characteristics of heart, mind and conduct as evince a spirit of love for and helpfulness to others."

Danforth winner

MISS THOMPSON, twice Danforth winner, was president of the School of Home Economics, Sphinx and the Dana King Gatchell Home Economics Club. She held three scholarships and was a member of Phi Kappa Phi as well as women's honoraries. She was a member of the Student Council on Religious Activities, BSU, and Auburn Independent Organization.

Mr. Burns, who lettered in football, was chairman of the 1953 Village Fair. He was a member of Spades and Blue Key, the Wesley (Methodist) Foundation, and served as resident counselor at Magnolia Hall.

Mr. Paterson will be featured in the next issue of The Alumnews.

Alumni Office Visitors

ALUMNI WHO visit API's campus were again invited to come by the Auburn Alumni Association's national headquarters in the new Auburn Union. Joe B. Sarver, '37, alumni secretary, asked all alumni to register in the association's guest book while they are in the office.

The alumni who visited the Alumni office in May include Donald Johnson, '54, Wren Johnson, '55, Bessemer; J. M. Brown, Jr., '46, Thomas T. McCoy, '52, E. G. Fitzgerald, Birmingham; Al Northington, '41, Florence; the Rev. Jim Pharr, '46, Hartford; James F. Hurd, '36, Arch R. Winter, '35, Howard Ellis, '34, Joe A. Killian, '48, Mobile.

Jim H. Seay, '47, Charles Clemons, Jr., '49, J. A. Hester, '28, Montgomery; Albert Nettles, '35, Monroeville; William J. Connell, Jr., '52, Mountain Creek; Gene Fitzgerald, '50, Pinson; Arthur H. Coker, Jr., '46, J. R. Hubbard, Jr., '39, Rockford; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loyd, '51, Stevenson; D. W. Hodo, Alexander City.

Howard Hill, '22, Pacoima, Calif.; Lt. Ralph C. Carlisle, Jr., '53, Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Alfred R. Matthews, '53, Pensacola, Fla.; Wilton Kilgore, '37, W. C. Sugg, '31, Atlanta; Mrs. Virginia Yarbrough Sanders, '36, Donald A. Layfield, '48, Harry Dicus, '45, J. D. Faulkner, Jr., '43, Columbus, Ga.; Jimmie Burgess, '48, Waycross, Ga.; Fred W. Wellborn, '52, Winter Haven, Fla.

Charles T. Burt, '51, Moultrie, Ga.; L. Dee Cox, '52, Rome, Ga.; Tom Beasley, '09, Winnetka, Ill.; Dr. Jim Peters, '54, New Iberia, La.; Glenn Robeson, '50, Spartanburg, S. C.; Joe Hafford, '49, Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Harvey Watson, '43, Donald E. Mowe, '52, Milwaukee, Wis.

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Coach Hutsell's Plainsmen win

First SEC Track Championship

By BILL BECKWITH
Alumnews Sports Writer

EVEN THE MOST conservative man—say our own Coach Wilbur Hutsell—will readily agree that Auburn's 1954 track team was the greatest in the history of Auburn.

Winning the Southeastern Conference Track championship for Auburn for the first time May 15 brought glory to the Plains.

The team set other records, too. It furnished six SEC champions. It walked away with the Georgia AAU championship May 22. And no one beat this team. Auburn won all three dual meets—Georgia Tech, Florida and Alabama.

Mid-West trip

AT THIS WRITING, Coach Hutsell and his two top competitors, Jim Dillion and Jackie Creel, are participating in the NCAA championships at Ann Arbor, Mich., in their specialties—the discus and the 220-yard dash.

On their three-week Mid-West junket, they stopped first at Central College at Milwaukee. After the NCAA, they will go to the NAAU at St. Louis June 18-19.

Dillion and Creel are the greatest in the South today. They also rank as Auburn's best weightman and sprinter of all-time.

Dillion is recognized as the Tigers' chieftain in the weights with school records of 175 yards, 9 7/8 feet for the discus, and 52 yards, 10 1/2 feet in the shot put.

Creel won distinction in the SEC meet when he broke Auburn's Sterling Dupree's 20-year-old record of :21.0 seconds in the 220, by running :20.8. The little sprinter has also tied the school record of :9.7 in the 100 several times.

LSU favored

GENERAL CONCENSUS of coaches and writers at the SEC meet in Birmingham May 15 ranked Auburn second to LSU. An upset was improbable, all agreed.

Hutsell and his boys won by performing to the maximum of their ability. No man faulted under the extreme pressure. Every member of the Auburn team exceeded or lived up to top past performance.

To open the 22nd SEC meet, Florida, LSU and Auburn finished in that order in the newly installed 440-yard relay. Dillion surprised the field by upsetting Tech's Carl Vereen with a winning 50-5 1/2 shot put toss. After these two events, Auburn led with eight points. LSU and Florida trailed with five each.

Johnny Barton ran second in the mile and Dillion placed fifth in the javelin.



AUBURN CAPTURED the 1954 Southeastern Conference track championship for the first time in the meet's 22 year history. Members of the team are (left to right) seated, Dave Powell, Ed New-

by, Jim Ozment, Ken Ivy, Tom Tate, Jackie Creel, Sonny Alsop; on knees, Ellsworth Richter, Allison Christopher, Rudy Boyd, Johnny Barton, Mickey Brown, Tom Merritt, Bill Hannigan,

Roy Costner; standing, graduate assistant Fred Carley, Coach Wilbur Hutsell, Ewart Atkins, Bill Fickling, George Rogers, Jim Dillion, Dave Middleton, Coach Jeff Beard, Kenry Howard.

Creel wins

JACKIE CREEL won the 100 and Dave Middleton finished a surprising third to give Hutsell eight more points. Dillion's SEC record throw of 171-4 feet in the discus narrowed LSU's margin to one point, 30-29.

Auburn took the lead in the next event, the high hurdles, and did not relinquish it again.

Bill Fickling was the hurdles champion. Dave Powell was third in the 880 yard run to stretch Auburn's lead to 37 points. LSU had 34.

Creel ran his :20.8, just two-tenths off the conference record for the 220, while Middleton finished fourth. Pole vaulter Mickey Brown tied for second and Sonny Alsop tied for fourth place.

Johnny Barton and Ewart Atkins climaxed the scoring with a first and third in the two-mile run for eight vital points. Auburn's only other scoring came with a fifth place finish in the mile relay, for one point.

Battle cry

"WAR EAGLES" followed.

The SEC crown did not end things for the 1954 team. The next weekend Auburn copped the Georgia AAU championship with ease, scoring 67 1/2 points to second place Georgia Tech's 29.

Auburn had eight champions.

The Auburn Sports Scene

By Bill Beckwith, '51



Future track stars

COACH WILBUR Hutsell has an eye to the future, after winning his first SEC track title this spring. He has inked sprinter Collier Rawls of Montgomery and Pete Calhoun of North Fulton in Atlanta to track scholarships for 1955. Rawls holds the Alabama state 220 record of :21.4 and has tied the 100-dash mark of :10.0. Calhoun has recorded :15.0 in the high hurdles and :20.0 in the lows.

A Club President Dave Middleton handed Athletic Director Jeff Beard a check for \$1,200 for the club's 1954 project, installation of a public address system in Cliff Hare Stadium. The A Club has donated an electric baseball scoreboard and made contributions for Auburn Band scholarships during the past three years. Funds came from the Club's share of "A" Day game receipts.

Vince will play

NAVAL ORDERS for Vince Dooley read September. This means the talented quarterback can participate in the College All-Star game in Chicago in August . . . Jim Dillion was elected captain of the 1954 track team following the Georgia AAU meet . . . John Adcock, '49, who left Woodlawn High in Birmingham to become head football coach at Fairfield a month ago, has resigned to accept a Tampa, Fla., high school coaching job.

Nick Ardillo, '42, is the new coach at Gadsden. He served five years at Birmingham's Ramsay . . . Halfback Johnny Adams goes on the operating table this month for nasal trouble . . . 1950 Fullback Bobo Blackerby will re-enter Auburn in January after a Navy hitch of four years.

Here are the figures

THERE MAY HAVE been a greater year for Auburn in sports, but record books don't show it. Check these figures:

	Won	Lost	Tied
Football	7	2	1

Basketball	16	8	0
Wrestling	8	0	0
Baseball	17	5	0
Tennis	7	3	0
Golf	2	7	0
Track	5	0	0
	62	25	1

Auburn has never had so many All-SEC men, either. There were 16 in all. Football produced Jim Pyburn and Frank D'Agostino; baseball had Pyburn, Paul Susce and Doug Dickey; track had Jackie Creel (100 and 200), Dillion (shot and discus), Johnny Barton and Bill Fickling; wrestling furnished Buford Cotton, Robert David, Ray Downey and Dickey Downey; and Cross Country contributed Barton. Basketball had Bob Miller, first string on the Atlanta Journal team, but second on Associated Press.

Joel Eaves' cagers will participate in a four-team tournament in Montgomery Dec. 17-18. The four teams are Auburn, Miami, Washington and Lee and Tennessee . . . Both basketball games with Alabama will be played in Montgomery, Jan. 15 and March 5.

Little Buck

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD Coach Buck Bradberry is talking about George Lewis, Jr., his first son and second child, born in late May . . . Guard Atkins and bride, Leah Marie Rawls, are quite an attraction at Kowaliga Beach near Alexander City this summer. She is women's world water skiing champ. While she teaches skiing and puts on shows, George acts as lifeguard and makes skis and driftwood lamps.

An added attraction for the FSU football game in Auburn in the fall will be the famous school circus. Date for this will be Oct. 23.

Auburn's 1954 Schedule and Ticket Prices

Date	Game	Place	Price
Sept. 25	Chattanooga	Auburn	2.50
Oct. 2	Florida	Gainesville	3.50
Oct. 9	Kentucky*	Lexington	3.50
Oct. 16	Georgia Tech	Atlanta	4.25
Oct. 23	Florida State	Auburn	3.00
Oct. 30	Tulane	Mobile	3.75
Nov. 6	Miami	Birmingham	3.75
Nov. 13	Georgia	Columbus	4.00
Nov. 20	Clemson**	Auburn	3.75
Nov. 27	Alabama	Birmingham	4.00

Mailing and insurance charges 0.25

* Night Game ** Homecoming (Prices include all taxes)

Order all tickets from Auburn Athletic Association

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Next page: Woman Superintendent

Mrs. Emma P. Flowers, '44, Is Alabama's

Only Woman School Superintendent

MRS. EMMA PAYNE FLOWERS, '44, was born to teach.

From her earliest childhood in Ozark, Ala., she wanted to be a teacher.

So, as a bright-eyed little girl, she created her own make-believe school. Her "pupils"—arranged in rows in her outdoor "classroom" in a clearing—were pieces of old-fashioned stovewood. Her grandmother's barn wall served as her blackboard.

2,700 real students

TODAY HER REAL pupils who attend Ozark's modern schools vastly outnumber the imaginary students she taught during her childhood play. For Mrs. Flowers—who holds a master's degree in education from API—directs the teaching of 2,700 children in her role as Ozark's city superintendent of education.

She is the first and only woman in Alabama to hold such an office in a city school system. She had an outstanding record as a classroom teacher, supervisor, principal and administrator when the City of Ozark decided to separate its schools from the Dale County system.

That was 21 years ago. Mrs. Flowers was named first city superintendent, and has served continuously. She ably guided education in Ozark through the final years of the depression, World War II and the recent high enrollment period.

School named for her

OZARK HAS JUST completed a half-million dollar building program, including construction of three fully equipped, modern school buildings. Because of her service to the city, the city Board of Education named the Emma P. Flowers School for its city superintendent.

"Who's Who in American Education" lists her name. She is a member of the State Board of Education's important committee on the state course of study.

Mrs. Flowers was unopposed last fall for the office of District III vice president of the Alabama Educational Association; she will take office in the new school year. She is also active in the National Education Association and the Alabama Association of School Administrators.

'Woman of Year'

NATURALLY, it came as no surprise to anyone in Ozark—except Mrs. Flowers—when she was selected as "Woman of the Year of 1954" by Delta Kappa Gamma, professional honorary for women actively engaged in education. Mrs. Flowers helped to organize the Ozark chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma in 1944 and is executive secretary. She is currently the organization's state chairman of teacher welfare and morale.



MRS. FLOWERS—"Born to teach"

As defined by her fellow teachers in Delta Kappa Gamma, her own philosophy of education involves "a spirit of service to . . . all teachers and children, ever reaching out to help and to inspire with unselfish giving of self."

The woman educator pointed out that in an educational philosophy class at Auburn Education Dean Zebulon Judd taught her the wisdom of the statement, "An administrator without a philosophy is like a ship without a sail."

Loved to learn

EMMA'S EARLY ambition to teach delighted her parents, J. J. and Minnie Carroll Payne. Her father was a teacher-farmer in Dale County; she was one of the seven Payne children to attend school in Ozark.

She genuinely loved to learn—anything and everything. Her alert mind was never satisfied; Emma digested her knowledge and gave it back to her "pupils" in play teaching. This prepared her to be an excellent mathematician.

Upon graduating from Dale County High School, she began her long-planned

teaching career at Ewell Schol in Dale County. Many of the 72 pupils were older than Miss Payne, the school's only teacher. During her stay at Ewell, she won an Alabama teaching certificate by passing the state examination.

Raised \$5 monthly

"I ACTUALLY CHANGED schools for a \$5 a month raise," she recalls. Her next school was Rocky Mount, which boasted 75 students, and paid her \$45 a month. Again she was the only teacher.

The teacher interrupted her career to marry Grover Flowers of Ozark. "He is indirectly an Auburn man—for he has a wife and two sons who are Auburn graduates," Mrs. Flowers points out. The Flowers will celebrate their 42nd wedding anniversary this month.

One son, Edward E. Flowers, who received his B.S. degree in textile engineering in 1935, lives in Ozark. He is assistant Standard Oil agent, and with his father is a joint owner of Flowers Mule Co.

Ab C. Flowers, '40, has almost completed requirements for a Ph.D. degree in chemical engineering at University of

Tennessee. He holds a master's degree from University of Alabama, and is now a metallurgist for Combustion Engineering, Inc., Chattanooga, Tenn.

When her sons were large enough, Mrs. Flowers returned to her alma mater. While sixth grade teacher and principal of the Ozark City Elementary School, she earned a bachelor's degree in education from Troy State Teachers College.

Mrs. Flowers added another accomplishment to her record when she was principal of Echo Junior High School. During her second year there, Echo became Dale County's first accredited junior high school.

With this background, Mrs. Flowers was well qualified to become superintendent when Ozark launched its new city school system. The Board of Education waived objections about appointing a woman to the administrative job, and the members since have had many reasons to be proud of their appointee.

Caught Auburn Spirit

OZARK'S TREMENDOUS enrollment increase which accompanied the opening of Camp Rucker provided Mrs. Flowers the impetus to return to school herself. She selected Auburn's School of Education for her graduate work.

"I enjoyed every minute of my stay in Auburn," she remembers. "As does everyone else, I soon caught the Auburn spirit. While there I also had the honor of becoming a member of Kappa Delta Pi, educational honorary, and Phi Kappa Phi, all-campus scholastic honorary."

Mrs. Flowers lists philosophy, supervision, research and administration as API courses which helped her professionally. Among her outstanding teachers were Dr. David W. Mullins, then a research professor in education and now the college's executive vice president; Dr. Benjamin R. Showalter, who taught elementary education courses and educational tests and measurements; Dr. Paul Irvine, lecturer in the field of secondary administration, and Dean Judd.

Since receiving her master's degree from Auburn, Mrs. Flowers has begun studies toward a Ph.D. in administration and supervision at Columbia University.

Mrs. Flowers, who is almost as enthusiastic about the "wonderful" people in Ozark as she is about teaching, attributes the progress of the city schools to city officials, the Board of Education, school patrons and an interested general public.

Her 82 teachers and principals and 2,700 school children believe that the one vital spark which ignites this interest and carries the city's school system forward is the superintendent herself—still as anxious to teach Ozark students as the day she was seven.

Judge Jones, '10, Rules Act 888 Unconstitutional

ALABAMA'S controversial textbook labeling law—popularly known as Act 888—has been declared "void, unconstitutional and unenforceable" by Montgomery Circuit Judge Walter B. Jones, '10.

Dr. Ralph B. Draughon, API president, praised Judge Jones' ruling, saying "The decision was sound and wisely reasoned."

Auburn had played a significant role in presenting evidence to prove the impracticability of labeling textbooks as to the authors' political beliefs concerning communism.

This law, as passed by the 1953 Alabama Legislature, required a statement in each book used in schools or colleges declaring that the author and other writers cited for parallel reading are (or are not) "a known advocate of communism or Marxist socialism or a

member or ex-member of the Communist Party." Act 888 became effective Jan. 1, 1954.

Threat to education

REALIZING the threat to educational freedom which Act 888 presented, Alabama's colleges made plans to join other educational groups as "friends of the court" in a suit against the law brought by 25 textbook publishers—members of the American Textbook Publishers Institute.

John Godbold, '40, of the Montgomery law firm of Godbold and Hobbs, was among attorneys for the publishers.

During the hearings in late April, Dr. Draughon was quoted as saying the act was "utterly impracticable and impossible." In a brief, he cited a study made in 16 departments on the Auburn

campus and the Auburn Library. The 16 departments use 384 textbooks with widely diverse content, the study revealed. To comply with the act, these books—which include 126,672 references to other books and authors—would have to be checked and labeled.

The Auburn president's statement showed that about 40 per cent of the books used in the college relate to social, economic or governmental philosophies, but only 8.3 per cent actually contain information relating to communism or Marxist socialism.

Million dollar cost

AUBURN WOULD have to spend more than \$1,000,000 to employ the help needed to screen books already on the library shelves. The "Encyclopaedia Britannica" alone has between one-half and one million references to be check-

ed. Yet the Legislature allotted no money for the labeling costs.

Dr. Draughon emphasized, "I think no text in use at API would, even by inference, endorse any philosophy inimical to the government of the United States . . . We are not engaged in the teaching or propagation of any philosophy antagonistic to the government of the United States under the Constitution."

On May 10 Judge Jones ruled Act 888 violated the due process clause of the 14th Amendment and declared it void. "If enforced . . . the inevitable consequence of Act 888 is not labeling textbooks, but no textbooks," he said.

His ruling, after a forceful statement on the nature of communism, pointed out that Act 888 is "not within the framework and traditions of the U. S. Constitution."

Alumnalities

Brief sketches and news items
on Auburn's sons and
daughters

1892

DEATHS: William F. Feagin, 85, former state superintendent of education and an outstanding force in Alabama's political life for several decades, in Tuscaloosa April 20. A native of Barbour County, he was one of the pioneers in the state's modern educational system and was credited with passage of the first three per cent school tax while state superintendent. He played an important role in setting up Kilby Prison, and served as an advisor to Gov. T. M. Kilby, Gov. B. M. Miller and Gov. Bibb Graves. His wife, who makes her home in Birmingham, survives.

1894

DEATHS: James A. Duncan of Route 2, Savannah, Ga., Oct. 29, 1953.

1900

Peter A. Brannon, Montgomery, has been elected to the executive committee of the Alabama Historical Association.

1901

"Captain" Sam H. Browne starred as an "end man" in the Brookhaven, Miss., seventh annual Kiwanis Minstrel April 30. Although a newspaper clipping notes that "Cap Brown promises not to mention Auburn," he has refuted this in a letter to the Auburn Alumni Association. "I admit that I am now too old to do my buck and wing dance that I did while at Auburn," he writes "However, I will never be too old to talk Auburn."

1902

J. S. Jewett is owner of Jewett's Drug Store in Lakeland, Fla.

1903

DEATHS: Marshall L. Bize, 71, past president of the Florida Pharmaceutical Association, at his home in Tampa, Fla., April 15. A native of Columbus, Ga., he entered the retail drug business in Tampa in 1911. He had operated an automobile agency in St. Petersburg before he returned to Tampa to open Bize's Bayshore Pharmacy in 1932. The prominent druggist retired three years ago. Survivors include his wife, a son and a daughter.

1904

DEATHS: Zachary P. Smith, 69-year-old Birmingham businessman and civic leader, at Mentone May 24. At Auburn he was a quarterback and captain of the 1902 football team. He was graduated in civil engineering in 1904. Mr. Smith served as an engineer for Southern Railroad and TCI, and spent three years in the Army Engineering Corps during World War I. In 1915 he became manager of the Zac Smith Stationery Co., which his father founded. He also headed three other Birmingham businesses. In 1951 he served as president of the National Stationers Association. Mr. Smith was active in Birmingham civic groups.

James H. Childs, formerly with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, who now makes his home in Auburn, has been initiated into Chi Epsilon, national civil engineering honorary at API.

1905

Haygood Paterson, who led the four-man race for commissioner of agriculture in the May 4 Alabama primary, will be the Democratic nominee in the November general election. R. C. Bamberg, Jr., '40, runner-up in the primary, announced on May 14 his withdrawal from the runoff. Mr. Paterson held the post of Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries from 1939-43 and 1947-51.

1906

No class news.

1907

No class news.



1908

George H. Marsh of Montgomery has been elected president of the Southern Association of Food and Drug Officials. He is chief chemist for the Alabama State Department of Agriculture.

1909

Robert Duff Murray retired as auditor of expenditures for the New York Central Railroad April 1, after 34 years' service with the line. He rose from a traveling accountant in 1920 to assistant to the general auditor, and was appointed auditor of expenditures in 1949. At Auburn he was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He now makes his home in White Plains, N. Y. Charles F. Pekor, Jr., is connected with Pekor Iron Works in Columbus, Ga.

1910

Bertram Kaufmann is a salesman for Atlanta Broom Co.

1911

Luther Fuller of TCI in Birmingham re-dedicated Enterprise's famous boll weevil monument May 1. The second ceremonies followed the theft of the insect from the monument and its replacement this spring. Mr. Fuller had delivered the original address when the monument was unveiled 35 years ago. W. E. Lee has moved to Whitfield Estates, Sarasota, Fla. Dr. Albert B. Moore and Dr. Frank L. Owsley of the University of Alabama have been named to the executive committee of the Alabama Historical Association.

1912

No class news.

1913

No class news.

1914

Frank P. Samford, Sr., president of the Liberty National Life Insurance Co. of Birmingham, addressed the Alabama Funeral Directors Association at the state convention in Mobile. Dean Redding S. Sugg of the Auburn School of Veterinary Medicine has been elected president of the animal disease research workers in Southern states.

1915

Robert A. (Bob) Riddle is president of the Easyway Finance Company in Orlando, Fla.

1916

DEATHS: Brig. Gen. Edward Ward Smith, 59, in Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, D. C., May 18. Military funeral services were held in Arlington Cemetery for the retired Army officer. A native of Livingston, he was graduated from Auburn cum laude. He was also a graduate of the U. S. Military Academy at West Point and the Army War College in Washington, and had done graduate work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During World War II he served in Africa, Italy and France with the Seventh Army. Gen. Smith was stationed in Japan following the war, retiring several years ago due to ill health. Surviving are his wife and two daughters.

G. P. McPherson lives at Route 2, Hope Hull.

1917

Capt. James Wallace Whatley has returned to the United States after spending three years in Lakenheath, England. His new assignment is the Air University, Gunter Air Force Base, in Montgomery.

1918

Sam Barton lives in Selma.

1919

Worth M. McCown resides in Kirkwood, Mo. Wilbur A. Pipkin has moved from Clearwater to Lakeland, Fla.

1920

William R. Hall lives at Roebuck Springs, Birmingham. Jacob M. Boyd is town manager for Palm Beach, Fla. Joe Hammond is a salesman for Nelson Weaver Realty Co. in Birmingham. Joe E. Johnson, vice president of Geneva Cotton Mills, attended the American Textile Machinery Association meeting in Atlantic City.

1921

J. B. Hain, Jr., lives in Sardis, Ala.

1922

Dr. Ralph B. Draughon, API president, is a member of the Alabama Historical Association's executive board.

1923

DEATHS: Frank B. McKenzie, 55, owner-editor of the Marion County News, at Hamilton May 9. He had served as editor of the paper for almost 30 years. Survivors include his wife, a son and a daughter.

1924

Judge T. Werth Thagard of Greenville has been named a member of the Walter O. Parmer Trust Fund, which provides scholarships to Auburn, Vanderbilt and the University of Alabama. Mrs. Alice Cary (Lewis A.) Pick is making her home in Tacoma, Wash. Mary Hain lives on Route 1, Selma.

1925

William F. Russell is manager of the Alabama State Public Employment Office in Birmingham. Henry A. Mason lives in Kreole, Miss.

1926

James A. Greene, Jr., lives in Bronxville, N. Y. Annie Laurie Crawley lives at Route 2, Banks. Elta Majors of Auburn is president of the Home Economics Teachers division of the Alabama Education Association. Earl Tucker, editor of The Thomasville Times and well known humorist, was guest speaker for the Fort Deposit Chamber of Commerce ladies' night program.

1927

William G. Wiatt has been promoted to manager of the Anderson, S. C., district of Duke Power Co. Following his graduation in electrical engineering at Auburn, he worked in General Electric Testing Laboratories in Schenectady, N. Y., for two years. Since joining Duke Power, he has been branch manager at Greer, S. C., and was serving as branch manager at Marion at the time of his promotion. Col. Forney Ingram has been transferred to Badger Ordnance Works, Baraboo, Wis. John C. Mathison is employed by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington 25, D. C. W. H. H. Putnam is general manager of the Birmingham Water Works. He also serves as a director of the Birmingham Boys Club. R. Paul Holley is employed as resident engineer on the construction of a bridge about two miles long across the Rappahannock River at White Stone, Va. His last major project was the field supervision of the reconstruction of an Illinois Central Railroad Bridge across the Ohio River at Cairo, Ill. Because this reconstruction involved unusual problems in design and construction, Mr. Holley and his firm—

School Official

J. R. Hines Dies



JAMES ROY HINES, '17, supervisor of instruction and attendance for Alexander City schools, died of a heart attack at his home May 16.

Mr. Hines, 58, had been in the teaching profession for 29 years. He earned a master's degree from Auburn in 1937, after receiving his bachelor's degree 20 years earlier. He was a member of Phi Kappa Phi and educational honoraries.

He was a native of Standing Rock, Ala. He had taught at Sidney Lanier High School in Montgomery, and served as principal of Huntsville High School for 11 years.

To Alex City

IN 1948 HE became principal of Benjamin Russell High School in Alexander City. Later he was named city supervisor of instruction.

Mr. Hines had attended the Kiwanis International convention in Miami, Fla., the week before his death.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Roy, Jr.; and four daughters, Mrs. Zona Hines Parrish, '46, Duthan; Mrs. Jean Hines Green, '48, Huntsville; Mrs. Ann Hines Lawley, '49, Goodwater; and Gwenda, now a student at Auburn.



Modjeski and Masters of Harrisburg, Pa.—have presented a copy of the final report of this work to the Auburn engineering library. W. Guerry Pruett, director of the Alabama State Highway Department in Montgomery, and Thomas F. Hobart, vice president of Southern Amiesite Asphalt Co. in Birmingham, have been initiated into the Auburn chapter of Chi Epsilon, civil engineering honorary.

1928

Charles K. Oxford is vice president and general manager of the Gas Light Co. of Columbus, Ga. Frank H. Maury, a Mobile ophthalmologist, lives in Spring Hill. Elmer G. Salter, manager of Auburn's radio station WAUD, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Alabama Broadcasters Association. W. H. (Mutt) Gregory, API extension cattle specialist, has been honored by Alabama cattlemen, who presented him a plaque for his 25 years of "outstanding and distinguished service to the livestock industry of Alabama."

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1929

DEATHS: Ludwig Adney Smith, 48, at his home in Kansas City, Mo., the second week in May. A mechanical engineer, he was a sales engineer for American Cast Iron Pipe Co. in Kansas City. He was a native of Birmingham. His wife, a son and two daughters survive.

John C. Hays is a project engineer for the Corps of Engineers at Yankton, S. D. His work involved the construction of multi-purpose dams on the Missouri River . . . William D. Tryon has moved from Kansas City, Mo., to Bayou La Batre, Ala. . . Mrs. Betty Mardie (Hartwell) Davis, Montgomery, is missionary education service chairman, and Mrs. Margaret McNeal (F. S.) Arant, Auburn, is literature and publications chairman for the Alabama Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service . . . O. B. Carter, superintendent of Eufaula city schools, is a member of the board of trustees of the Alabama Education Association. Dr. Rebecca Pate, API, is secretary of the Home Economics Teachers division.

1930

W. F. Pearson is city clerk-treasurer of Opelika . . . Walter Brooks Jones is associated with the Cavalier Furniture Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. . . Mrs. Harriet Bomar Ellis is acquisitions librarian at the API Library . . . Dr. Joseph Wilmer Menge is a professor at Wayne University, Detroit, Mich.

1931

Theo H. Kummer lives on Route 6, Waukesha, Wis.

1932

Carl M. McConaghy is secretary-treasurer of J. B. Converse and Co., Inc., civil and consultant engineering firm in Mobile . . . Lt. Col. Harvey L. Simms is now stationed at Hensley Field, Grand Prairie, Tex. . . John P. Wilson, Jr., Mobile, has been elected to the national board of state directors of insurance agents. He has just completed a term as president of the Alabama Association of Insurance Agents . . . Douglas Johnson lives in Huntsville . . . Dr. E. W. McElwee, director of the horticulture extension service of the University of Florida, spoke at the Alabama Nurserymen's Association convention in Mobile June 1.

1933

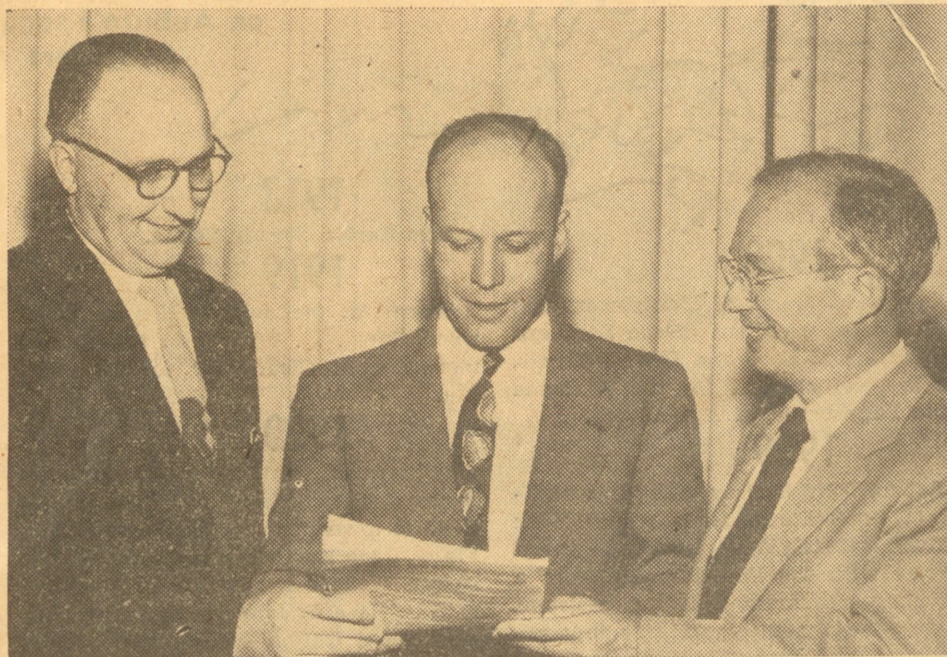
Jesse Jones Armstrong is employed by Union Bag and Paper Co., Savannah, Ga. . . Mrs. Lora Thaxton Long is associated with Thaxton Flowers in Pratt City, Birmingham . . . Maj. B. C. Pope, Jr., has joined the Air Force ROTC staff at the University of Florida. In April he returned to the United States after a 30-month tour of duty as adjutant of the 35th Fighter Interceptor Wing at Johnson Air Base, near Tokyo, Japan.

1934

Nelson M. Snow, Jr., has been appointed district traffic manager for Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., in Columbia, S. C. He formerly held the same position in Columbus, Ga. . . Stuart C. Pugh is manager of the Shreveport, La., branch office of J. A. Jones Construction Co. . . ExRay Stuckey lives on a rural route near Monroe, N. C. . . D. H. Morris is president and buyer for Geneva Cotton Mills. He and E. L. Whitten, West Point Manufacturing Co., were among the Alabama textile executives who attended the American Textile Machinery Association meeting in Atlantic City at the end of April.

1935

Walter D. Smith is a research contract administrator for the U. S. Navy at the University of Washington in Seattle . . . H. F. McQueen lives in Montgomery . . . Dr. James Foster Gavin is



NEW officers of Alabama Textile Operating Executives discuss plans to hold all regular meetings in Auburn. They are (left to right) W. T. Curry, '42, Alabama City, director; Grady

Webb, '38, Langdale, general chairman; Cleveland Adams, '32, textile department head, secretary-treasurer. The executives established an annual award for API's best all-round textile senior.



a physician in Shreveport, La. . . L. Cleve Brown has been named manager of the Birmingham branch office of the New York Life Insurance Co. He formerly served as manager of the Nashville, Tenn., branch . . . Carl F. Wittichen, Jr., is first vice president of the Birmingham Boys Club . . . John S. Scott of Huntsville has been elected president of the Alabama Association of Insurance Agents . . . Mrs. Margaret Reynolds Stapp lives in Berkeley, Calif.

1936

Erlene Curlee, Sylacauga, is president of the principals division of the Alabama Education Association.

1937

V. A. Turnham, LaFayette, is president of the Chambers County Farm Bureau. He is also serving as LaFayette chairman of the cancer drive . . . E. G. Dabbs is vice president of the Chambers County Educational Association . . . William N. Womelsdorf is now at the University of Illinois in Urbana . . . Vernon Merritt, Jr., executive secretary to Gov. Gordon Persons, '25, attended the Interstate Oil Compact Commission meeting at Savannah, Ga., in mid-May.

1938

ADOPTION: A son, Kenneth Wade, by Dr. and Mrs. Coyt Wilson of Auburn, in April.

Bernard S. Rogers is managing partner of J. K. Attwood Pharmacy in Jacksonville, Fla. . . W. L. Radney, Jr., is president of the Alexander City Chamber of Commerce . . . Josh Couch, Jr., has been named manager of the Avis-Rent-A-Car System branch of the Montgomery Aviation Corp. in Montgomery . . . Max L. Hibbs lives in Atlanta, Ga. . . Helen Williams, API, is secretary-treasurer of the childhood education division of the Alabama Education Association . . . Pearl Pepper is retiring president of the Chambers County Educational Association.

1939

BIRTHS: A son, Hayward Augustus, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stevens Dozier in Montgomery Apr. 15.

Abram E. Roop is a project engineer in plant and production engineering for Philip Morris and Co. in Richmond, Va. He lives at Route 2, Chester, Va. . . Kenneth H. MacGregor, Jr., has moved to Hopewell, Va. . . Lt. Col. Oscar Buford has been transferred to Japan as chief of the recreation division, Air Force Far East Special Services. He served 13 months in Korea . . . Walter Meadows, Lanett, is president of the Chattahoochee Valley Alumni chapter of Phi Psi, national textile honorary . . .



Dr. Frank Finney, Gadsden, is secretary-treasurer of the Alabama Dental Association . . . Capt. Samuel L. Rainey is stationed at Camp McClellan near Anniston . . . T. Whit Athey, Jr., Grady, is first vice president of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association . . . Dr. Isadore V. Weisberg has moved to St. Louis, Mo.

1940

DEATHS: John Robbins Lowrey, 38, Perry County farm agent, at his home in Marion May 9. A native of Uniontown, he graduated from Auburn in agriculture. He was a PT boat commander in the Navy during World War II. He served as a Veterans Administration field representative in Greensboro, and later became Hale County assistant farm agent. Mr. Lowrey was named Perry County agent in 1951. His wife and a five-year-old daughter survive . . . Dr. Neal C. Batson, veterinarian, in Cincinnati, Ohio, Mar. 17. He was a native of Tuscaloosa County. In the Army Veterinary Corps he rose to the rank of major. He had seen service at Camp Stoneman, Calif., Fort Jackson, S. C., and Frankfurt, Germany, before his discharge in 1953. Mrs. Batson survives.

BIRTHS: A son, Laurice Murrell, to Mr. and Mrs. Darcey T. Tatum, Homewood, April 7.

Frank G. Brewer, Jr., is president of Brewer Enterprises, Inc., wholesale automotive parts distributors in Birmingham . . . Dr. John E. Ivey, Jr., director of the Southern Regional Education Board in Atlanta, delivered Mississippi State College's commencement address May 24 . . . Mrs. Hulda Rutland Smith, Auburn, received a master of home economics degree from API June 5.

1941

Mrs. Virginia Martin (John) Susko lives at Fort Walton Beach, Fla. . . Maj. Paul Autrey is now stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C. . . J. R. Abney, Jr., vice president of Geneva Cotton Mills, attended the American Textile Machinery Association meeting in Atlantic City Apr. 26-30 . . . Marshall Conley Pitts is an institutional food salesman for John Sexton and Co. in Albany, Ga. . . Capt. Edmund Ellis Prather is serving at Forbes Air Force Base, Kan., as a photo interpretation and mission analysis officer for the 815th Reconnaissance Squadron . . . Lt. Col. Carl E. Green lives in Falls Church, Va. . . Bobby Jack Chapman is a general building contractor in Miami, Fla. . . Lamar C. Shields, Jemison, received a master of science degree in Agricultural Education at Auburn's spring graduation.

1942

BIRTHS: A son, Robert Clanton, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Montgomery (Corinne Tatum) of Opelika Apr. 21 . . . A daughter, Connie LaRue, to Mr. and Mrs. John L. Scarborough of Auburn May 7. Dr. and Mrs. Jack C. Jones (Elizabeth

"Ibbie" Deese, '45) live in Silver Spring, Md. . . Frederick P. Adams resides in Livonia, Mich. . . William A. Dodd, Jr., Auburn, has been elected to membership in the American Society of Civil Engineers . . . Mrs. Frances English (Frank) Philpot of Montgomery was guest speaker for United Church Women of Montgomery at the May Day Fellowship May 7. . . Deforest M. Nolen is manager of the Tri-County Telephone Co., which recently installed dial phones in Lineville. His headquarters are in Ashland.

1943

BIRTHS: A daughter, Janet Lea, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Califf, Jr., Atlanta . . . A son, Gary Kevin, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Snow, Jr., of Birmingham Apr. 22.

MARRIAGES: Katherine Louise Rutland to Dr. Cecil Eugene Price in Evergreen May 12. Dr. Price is a physician in Evergreen.

Cyril J. Porter has moved from Berkeley Heights, N. J., to Petersburg, Va. . . Mrs. Cynthia Ruth Glenn Shirley is a resident of Decatur . . . Dr. Steiner D. Garrett is resident physician at Mobile's City Hospital . . . James C. Guinn, Jr., is a salesman for Gaylord Container Corporation in Birmingham . . . Thomas Bryan Bramlett is an overseer in the spinning department of West Point Manufacturing Company's Fairfax Mill Division . . . Carl Thornton Pace is a partner in an Oxford well-drilling firm. He lives in Anniston . . . Mathew D. Brinson, Dallas, Tex., is a project test engineer with Chance Vought Aircraft, Inc. . . Robert Ford Ellis, Jr., is an electrical engineer with Gulf Power Company, Pensacola, Fla. . . Robert T. Ferguson, Birmingham, a chemical engineer with U. S. Pipe and Foundry Company, is in research and development work . . . James L. Allgood, Jr., is a salesman for the Celotex Corporation in Raleigh, N. C. . . Edsel Ford Sublett teaches in Pensacola, Fla. He lives on Route 1, Cantonment, Fla. . . John M. Helms has been transferred from Rogersville, Tenn., to the TVA offices in Knoxville.

1944

BIRTHS: A son, Bennett Thomas, III, to Dr. and Mrs. B. T. Simms, Jr., '51 (Mittie Jones), of Pontotoc, Miss., May 11 . . . A daughter, Suzanne Barrow, to Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence W. Cottle, Jr., (Ann DuBose, '45) of Mobile, May 16.

David E. Buck has been appointed appraisal engineer in Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph's Atlanta office. He was formerly district engineer in Decatur, Ala. . . Elizabeth Averett lives in Port Arthur, Tex., and teaches at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School . . . Mrs. Linnelle Dobbins (Noble F.) Greenhill is living in Tampa, Fla., where her husband is stationed at MacDill Air Force Base . . . Capt. Henry C. Kirk makes his home in Burlington, Iowa . . . Asa B. Fuller has moved to Laurel, Miss. . . Ann Mable Harrington, Eclectic, received a master's degree in education at Auburn's June graduation.

1945

BIRTHS: A daughter, Patricia Anne, to Dr. and Mrs. B. Gibbs Ashley at Winter Garden, Fla., Dec. 22. . . A son, Timothy Hilt, to Dr. and Mrs. Crawford Tatum (Leila Alice Flewellen, '51) of Opelika May 16.

James Hardin Wood, Jr., lives in Birmingham . . . Mrs. Helen Edith Miller (A. B.) Hollis lives in Rome, Ga.

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1946

BIRTHS: A daughter, Elizabeth Harmon, to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Harmon, '49, (Sara Harmon) of Atlanta, Apr. 2 . . . A daughter, Rebecca Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Williams, '50, (Betty Grimes) of Livingston Apr. 22.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Laney (Ray Monroe, '47) live in Atlanta, where he is retail advertising manager for Sears, Roebuck and Co. . . . Glenn Bowron and Lt. Col. W. Lee Wood are co-owners of Montgomery Oxygen Co. Lt. Col. Wood is now stationed at the Air Command and Staff School, Maxwell Field.

1947

BIRTHS: A son, John Lambert, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lindley of Montgomery May 5 . . . A son, Louie Strum, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Faulkner, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., May 6 . . . A son, Carl David, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer B. Hudson, Jr., of Birmingham May 14.

MARRIAGES: Jacqueline Apple to William Gregory Herring in Augusta, Ga., May 1.

William W. Chalmers is a sales engineer for Haworth Engineering and Manufacturing Co., Birmingham . . . Darius Rundell Curtis is an engineer-salesman for Frog Switch and Manufacturing Co., Asheville, N. C. . . . Walter W. Dean, an attorney-engineer, is chief of the legal branch of the U. S. Corps of Engineers for Wilmington, N. C., district . . . Mac Willingham of West Point Manufacturing Co. at Langdale attended the American Textile Machinery Association meeting in Atlantic City in late April.

1948

BIRTHS: A son, Jerry Jackson, to Mr. and Mrs. Lamar H. Brown of Auburn May 14 . . . A son, Louis Howard, to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Snow, Jr., (Jane Scott, '53) in Nashville, Tenn., May 16 . . . A daughter, Rebecca Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Tillman White, Jr., of Nashville, Tenn., Apr. 11 . . . A son, William Warner, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. William W. Bradley, '49, (Glenda Grant-ham) of Farmville Apr. 5.

ADOPTIONS: A three-year-old son, Donald, by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman, '49, (Shirley Sargent) of Emporia, Va., in April.

MARRIAGES: Laura Kathryn Cleveland to Robert Lamar Clenney in Albertville May 27 . . . Julia Rebecca Holmes to Willie C. Harrison in Fort Deposit June 5. They will live in Birmingham . . . Eunice L. Falls to William M. Rawson in Orlando, Fla., May 25. He is director of religious education for a Mobile church . . . Dorothy Jane Floyd to Charles Stewart Henagan, Jr., of Birmingham and Atlanta May 29 . . . Mar-tee K. McReynolds to Clarence Henry Huhman, Jr., of Bowling Green, Mo., in Birmingham May 21.

John M. (Jack) Hutchinson is now employed by Dixie Culvert and Metal Co. in Jacksonville, Fla. . . . Edwin L. Tomlin is seismograph party chief for The Carter Oil Co.'s geophysical exploration in Peru. His address is care of International Petroleum Co., Ltd., Talará, Peru. Mrs. Marjorie Lawing Tomlin and their three children live in St. Petersburg, Fla. . . . John V. Landes, Jr., is civilian historian of the 3505th Pilot Training Wing for basic single engine jets at Greenville Air Force Base, Miss. . . . Dewey D. Johnston has moved to Louisville, Ky. . . . First Lt. David F. Guess has graduated from the USAF Basic Pilot School at Reese Air Force Base, Tex. . . . Joe Alex Killian has joined the Alabama State Docks Board at the Port of Mobile in the port traffic and public relations department.

1949

BIRTHS: A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Preston S. Bailey, Jr., of Atmore, Apr. 25 . . . A son, Richard Samford, Jr., to Capt. and Mrs. Richard Hunter at Maxwell Field Air Force Base May 8.

MARRIAGES: Martha Anne Merrill to Frank Ray in Dozier May 23. Mr. Ray is principal at T. R. Miller High School in Brewton.

Ned Varner has been named assistant superintendent of the box technical department of Union Paper and Bag Co., Savannah, Ga. . . . Robert L. Holcombe is a safety engineer for U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co., Mobile . . . William M. Rowell, Jr., has moved to Fort Worth, Tex. . . . Hugh F. McBryde lives in Birmingham . . . John W. Hodge, Jr., is an automotive engineer for the Southeastern area with National Carbon Co. His headquarters are in Atlanta and he lives in Cartersville, Ga.

1950

Orville V. Scott, Jr., is general superintendent for O. V. Scott Electric Company in Atlanta. He lives in Decatur, Ga. . . . James A. Riddle is associated with an insurance agency in Washington, D. C. He was recently released from active duty with the Air Force . . . Dr. W. W. Clements has moved to Monroe, N. C. . . . George D. Marcussen is an electronics engineer at Brookley Air Force Base in Mobile . . . D. B. Parks is employed by The Buckeye Cotton Oil Co. in Atlanta . . . Major Arthur L. Stevens, Jr., is attending the University of Chicago on an Air Force assignment to earn a master's degree in management of research and development installations. He was previously stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, doing research and development work in the Special Weapons Branch of the Armament Laboratory . . . First Lt. Awbrey G. Norris is with the UN Command Military Armistice Commission Support Group in Korea as personnel officer. He writes that he has seen Robert J. Arnold, '51, who is in the same section; Marvin Slade, '51, at Seoul; Earl Milner, '52; and William Seymour, '52 . . . Glenn E. Wright is making his home in Montgomery. He has a year-old daughter, Donna Jean . . . James Maddox, who has been a member of Philco's technical staff in Philadelphia, Pa., since 1951, has received an award for meritorious achievement in the performance of his work in the research division . . . James M. Hunnicutt, Jr., was awarded a master's degree in traffic engineering from Yale University May 29. While there, he was elected president of the traffic engineering students. He returned to Chicago June 1 as a traffic engineer in the City Bureau of Street Traffic.

1951

BIRTHS: A son, David Earl, to Lt. and Mrs. Jack DeMedicis of Shreveport, La., Apr. 19.

MARRIAGES: Shirley M. Traylor to Harold D. Boyd of Cullman in Childersburg June 4 . . . Gloria Jean Griffith, '53, to Robert Lang Wheeler in Birmingham June 5. Mr. Wheeler is employed in Richmond, Va.

Samuel T. Coker is an instructor in pharmacology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy. He earned a master's degree from Purdue University in August, 1953, and is continuing graduate work toward a Ph.D. degree at Pittsburgh . . . Thomas R. Stanbury is a college trainee at the First National Bank of Atlanta . . . Earl Moody Shields is a field service engineer for General Electric at Tyndall Air Force Base, where he serves as technical representative on aircraft gas turbines. His home is in Panama City, Fla. . . . Wan-Yuin Chang is a graduate research assistant in biochemistry at Texas A and M College . . . Herman Blagg, Jr., former Army lieutenant, has been discharged from service and is living in Selma.

From Far East

Col. Winslett Reassigned

LT. COL. EDMUND Jackson Winslett, '20, retiring president of the Far East Auburn Club, has been assigned to the G-2 Section, Department of the Army, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

The Far East Auburn Club was reactivated 15 months ago, largely through Col. Winslett's efforts.

"His departure will leave a vacancy in the FE Auburn Club that few people could ever fill," Mrs. Allie Bates Jolley, '36, the club's press chairman, writes. "Col. Winslett was a good and most faithful president, having never missed a meeting. He



Lt. Col. Winslett, '20

was one of the first to appear each time to welcome members and guests. He has been characterized as a gifted organizer and a grand personality."

The officer and his family returned to the states in May, after he served three and a half years on a second tour of duty in the Far East.

Col. Winslett, a native of Dade-



1952

BIRTHS: A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Breet H. Bangle, Jr., of Montgomery May 1 . . . A daughter, Patricia Elaine, to Lt. and Mrs. J. P. Groce, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., Apr. 6 . . . A daughter to Airman second class and Mrs. Flynn E. Hudson, III, of Burlington, Vt., March 25.

MARRIAGES: Helen E. Silliman to Marine Lt. Edward T. Graham, Jr., March 28 in Tokyo, Japan. Lt. Graham is stationed at Atsugi Naval Air Station . . . Barbara Lee Johnston to Dr. Edward B. Dismukes in Hartford (Ala.) May 15 . . . Virginia Faye Baker to Lt. Fletcher Monroe Cook, Jr., in Lone Star, Texas, May 22. Lt. Cook, holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross for missions as a jet pilot in Korea, is an instructor at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida.

Mrs. Mary Montgomery of Mobile is vice president of the elementary school principals division of the AEA . . . Lt. Tommy W. Gordon is serving with the 7th Fighter Bomber Squadron at Itazuke Air Force Base, Japan. He writes that Major Fred H. Henderson, Jr., '48, and Lt. Joe Bob Maddox, '52, are also at Itazuke . . . Dr. J. W. Andrews lives in Pensacola, Fla. . . . Richard L. Wright, who is stationed at Cabiness Field, Corpus Christi, Tex., has been promoted to lieutenant, junior grade . . . John E. Burney, Jr., has been discharged from the Army and is making his home in Birmingham . . . Gerald G. Pitts resides in Wilmington, Del. . . . Lt. Thomas W. Fuller has graduated from Engineer Officers Candidate School at Ft. Belvoir, Va., and is now on an overseas assignment in Europe . . . Lowndes M. Butler is with the U. S. Army in Austria.

ville, left Auburn in April, 1917, to enter the Army Officers Reserve School at Ft. McPherson, Ga. After receiving a commission as a second lieutenant, he joined the 82nd Division at Camp Gordon, Ga. He participated in five operations during World War I, spending 18 months overseas.

Won Silver Star

HE WAS decorated with the Silver Star after he was wounded three times. He retired as a first lieutenant in 1927.

Upon leaving the Army, he became a sales engineer for the rubber industry. His civilian work related to the construction of Hoover, Bonneville, Grand Coulee and Shasta Dams in the Far West.

He was recalled to service in 1942 as a first lieutenant, and has advanced to lieutenant colonel. His service with the Sixth Army included stations from Australia to Japan, where he spent a year and a half with occupation troops. For his services in World War II, he was awarded the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.

American Legion Veep

LT. COL. WINSLETT returned to the United States in 1947 as assistant G-2 for Sixth Army Headquarters at the Presidio, San Francisco, Cal. In 1950 he was again sent overseas. He has served in Japan and Korea as an intelligence officer assigned to the staffs of Generals MacArthur, Ridgeway, Clark and Hull.

The Auburn alumnus served as national vice commander of the American Legion in 1920-21. He has been a member of the organization for 35 years.

In 1936 Col. Winslett married Doris Thomson, Spokane, Wash. They have two daughters, Georgine and Carol.

Mrs. Winslett regularly attended Far East Auburn Club meetings and served on the welcoming committee.



1953

BIRTHS: A son to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wingard of Columbus, Ga., May 7 . . . A daughter, Kathryn, to Sgt. and Mrs. William C. Meeks of Moody Air Force Base, Valdosta, Ga., Apr. 19 . . . A daughter, Kittie DuBrutz, to Mr. and Mrs. Ross S. Brown (Maryann Tram-mell) of Birmingham April 27.

MARRIAGES: Dudley Hall of Gurley to Lt. Claude N. Buchanan, Jr., of Huntsville in April . . . Janet Herndon to Francis A. Flowers, Jr., at Boligee May 23. They will live in Dothan . . . Elizabeth Ann Mitchell to Arthur George Howell, Jr., in Hartselle May 22. He is stationed in the Army at Camp Gordon, Ga. . . . Alice Gay Birdsong to Robert Laird Mayo, '54, in Oneonta June 6 . . . Ann Marie Crumley, '55, to William Lyon Smith in Birmingham May 22 . . . Jean Palmer to Elwood B. Miller in Montgomery May 2 . . . Doris Jean Whaley to Lt. (jg) William Eugene Jarvis in Birmingham in May. He is now serving with the Navy in Norfolk, Va. . . . Lela Jane Jacks to Elliott William Brown, Jr., in New Market June 6. He teaches in the Hogansville, Ga., schools . . . Peggy McAliley to Lt. William W. Reynolds in Headland June 2. Lt. Reynolds is stationed at Malden Air Force Base, Mo. . . . Ann Hubbard to John Frederick Henry, '54, in Dadeville June 6.

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On The Auburn Campus

THE 1954 GLOMERATA, with a new "magazine style" layout featuring color pages in the opening and sports sections, was distributed to Auburn students in mid-May.

A black cover pictured Auburn's two mascots—the Tiger and the War Eagle—printed in traditional orange and blue.

Editor Fred Nichols of Columbiana said the 1954 yearbook contained "a colorful and factual presentation of Auburn" in its 420 pages. Tommy Tate, Sylacauga, was business manager.

The Glomerata was dedicated to James E. Foy, director of student affairs, "in admiration of his capabilities as an administrator, educator and Auburnite."

Alumnus speaks

LAUDON WILLIAMS, '29, owner of Montgomery Apothecary, addressed the annual banquet of Phi Delta Chi, professional pharmacy fraternity.

Other alumni visitors included Arch R. Winter, '35, T. Howard Ellis, '34, and James F. Hurd, '36, members of a Mobile group of practicing architects who served as critics. Louis M. Belek, '51, of North American Aviation at Columbus, Ohio, spoke to Phi Delta Kappa, educational honorary for men, at the annual banquet.

Rat traditions

REVIVING FRESHMEN traditions has been the concern of the Junior Council. It has proposed Rat rules be enforced without the use of Rat Courts in the fall. The rules include wearing rat caps, walking around Main Gate, and speaking to everyone on the campus.

After-supper dancing on Thursdays in the Union's cafeteria and snack

bar proved so successful that the dance committee expanded the program to include dancing every weekday evening. If weather permits, the dancers move outdoors to the terrace.

The final Plainsman of the spring quarter was dedicated to Bruce Greenhill, '51, former editor who was killed in action in Korea. Members of Blue Key and ODK dressed as ragged newsboys to distribute the issue. They added \$126 to the scholarship fund, which now stands at \$1,711.

Hamp Royston, junior in journalism from LaFayette, has been awarded the first scholarship from the Greenhill fund.

Research group

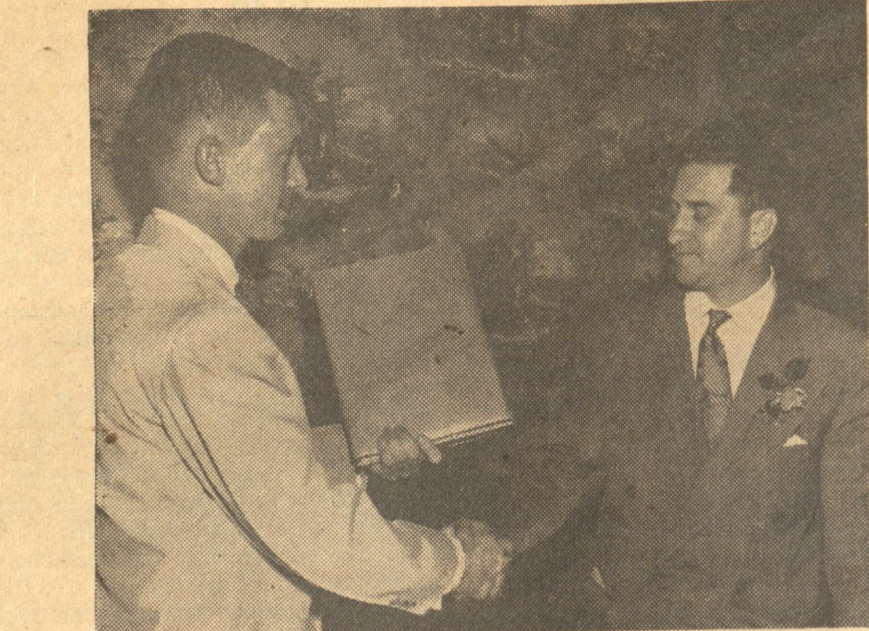
THE AUBURN RESEARCH Foundation, at its annual meeting, named Dean Emeritus Fred Allison as its first honorary member.

New members of the board of directors are Dr. W. V. Parker, Dr. J. E. Land, R. G. Pitts, Coyt Wilson and Dr. W. D. Salmon, all faculty members; and Robert Russell, Alexander City, representing industry. Two advisory members appointed are Herb Rose, research engineer for TCI, and J. B. Converse, construction engineer in Mobile.

Ten research projects were in force during the past year, Dr. R. G. Strum, director, reported. The Foundation has just been granted \$8,900 from the National Foundation for work by Hsien-Chung Wang, department of mathematics. A number of proposals from



Allison



HOLDING A 1954 Glomerata are Editor Fred Nichols (left) and Business Man-

ager Tommy Tate. The 420-page yearbook was distributed to students in May.

private industry for other research projects are under study.

President's parade

DR. RALPH B. Draughon was honored at the annual President's Parade of Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC cadets May 13. Scabbard and Blade presented a reviewing stand on Morris Field to the college during the parade.

The spirit with which the cadets carried out their duties at Auburn's annual Army ROTC federal inspection was so outstanding that it received special mention from inspecting officers, Col. W. J. Klepinger, commandant, reported.

During the quarter, 105 students in education did practice teaching.

Alumnalities

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William G. Demouy, Mobile, is first vice president of the Alabama Association of Insurance Agents . . . Bryan Wood Johnson is a junior engineer for Alabama Power Company in Birmingham . . . Mary D. Hanson, Dadeville, is supervisor of school attendance and lunchrooms for Tallapoosa County . . . James Lamar Pound lives in Gainesville, Ga., where he is foreman for a firm which processes frozen chickens . . . Dr. Osborne Earl Baker, Jr., Columbia, S. C., is assistant state veterinarian.

1954

MARRIAGES: Adonis Gayle Phillips to Jimmie Donaldson Davis in Auburn June 5. He is stationed at Fort Hood, Tex. . . . Carol Knight Wagoner, '56, to John Rogers Segrest, Jr., in Atlanta June 6 . . . Emma Jean Hill to Jerome David Sirote in Montgomery Apr. 3. Mr. and Mrs. Sirote are making their home in Chattanooga, where he is employed by TVA . . . Patricia Anne McKinney to James Paul Richardson in Jasper May 8 . . . Janet Gardner to Lt. John A. Stevenson in Ozark May 15. He is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. . . . Jean Fleming, '53, to William Bibb Goodwyn, Jr., in Montgomery May 8. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwyn are living in Montgomery, where he is in business with his father . . . Wren L. Reader, '55, to Donald Johnson in Bessemer May 13. He is now stationed at Fort Benning, Ga., in the Army . . . Mary Jo Williams to James Stanley Mackin in Birmingham June 7.

William F. Williams, a manager-trainee for Kroger Food Co., is employed at the LaGrange, Ga., store . . . Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sumrall (Patty Fleming) have moved to Florence, where he has accepted a position as a chemical control engineer at Wilson Dam . . . Lt. Joseph V. Turner has graduated from Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Va. . . . Marine Sgt. Randolph Sikes Brown is serving at an air base of the First Marine Aircraft Wing in Korea . . . Naval Aviation Cadet Merrill E. Critz has qualified as a carrier pilot at Pensacola, Fla., Naval Air Station.

1957

DEATHS: Bob Gravlee, 23, in a crash of his private plane at the Birmingham Municipal Airport May 19, which critically injured his twin brother, Tom, '54. Both were Korean veterans. Bob was a sophomore in business administration and Tom was scheduled to graduate in architecture in June.

1958

DEATHS: Patrick P. Stack, 24, freshman in building construction from Grand Island, N. Y., in an automobile wreck near Montgomery May 8. His wife and one son, both of Wetumpka, survive.

Co-op engineering director

Alex O. Taylor, '21, Dies

ALEX O. TAYLOR, '21, the man who had directed Auburn's cooperative engineering program since its beginning in 1937, died of a heart attack at his home in Auburn May 15.

The 58-year-old director of the department of engineering extension and cooperative education at API was one of the best known engineers in Alabama. Mr. Taylor had contacted almost every Alabama industry as well as scores of Auburn alumni about jobs for co-op students. In engineering extension, he served as manager of all engineering short courses and conferences sponsored by the School of Engineering.

Following his graduation from Auburn with a B.S. degree in civil engineering, Mr. Taylor spent 11 years in engineering work in Florida and New England. He returned to Alabama to work for a Montgomery construction firm. Later he was connected with the Alabama Relief Administration, CCC camps in Alabama and northwest Florida and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Mr. Taylor returned to his alma mater in 1937 to head the new cooperative engineering program, launched in the fall of that year.

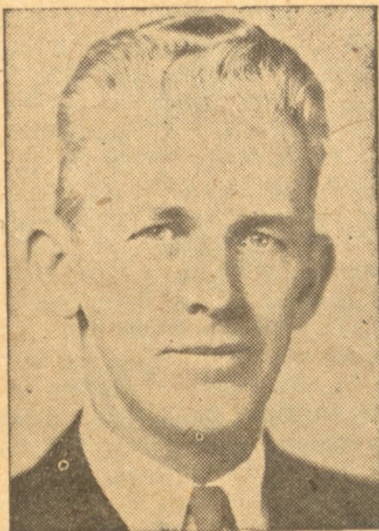
20 in first class

THE FIRST COOPERATIVE class included 20 students, with 10 enrolling at Auburn in the fall and 10 in the winter. Five pairs were employed by Alabama Power and five pairs worked at TCI. All 20 of these students remained with the original companies, and graduated from Auburn on schedule in 1942.

Originally Auburn offered a special five-year co-op program, with six curricula. Today 13 curricula are available under a six-year plan.

"Through Mr. Taylor's energetic efforts, the co-op plan grew very rapidly in Alabama and nearby areas of the four surrounding states," Engineering Dean J. E. Hannum pointed out. Co-op students reached a peak enrollment in 1942, when about 500 of the School of Engineering's 1,300 students were attending college under the plan.

As set up at API, the co-op plan provides financial means for students to



Alex O. Taylor, '21

attend college, by working in industry for one quarter and attending college the next. Auburn now has about 375 students under the plan, working with about 300 different engineering offices, industries and governmental agencies.

Civil Engineer

AUBURN GRANTED Mr. Taylor the professional degree of Civil Engineer in 1946. He wrote his thesis on "A Water Supply System for Notasulga, Ala."

In April, 1941, Major Taylor was called into service by the Corps of Engi-

neers. He was discharged in October, 1944.

Mr. Taylor was a member of the Auburn Engineer's advisory board. An active member of the Auburn Episcopal Church, he served on the vestry.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Lenora Earnest Taylor, and a son, Alex O. Taylor, Jr., '54, both of Auburn.

Dedicated to students

A PLAINSMAN editorial paid the following tribute to Mr. Taylor:

"His sudden death brought to an end a life which had been dedicated to students and mankind.

"For Alex O. Taylor knew more Alabama industrialists, it has been said, than any one man in the state. His personality opened the door of many hearts. His untiring efforts to secure jobs for cooperative students won for him undying gratitude . . . He was just, honest and above reproach . . . a true friend of Auburn."

Sold co-op plan

THE AUBURN ENGINEER editorialized:

"Hundreds of Auburn graduates no doubt feel that they owe much of their success and perhaps their degrees to Mr. Taylor and his co-op plan . . .

"In a personal crusade he had sold the program of cooperative education to the Institution . . . As contact man for Auburn with industry he sold Auburn students and graduates to industry—he sold Auburn to industry—he worked for a greater Auburn . . .

"We will indeed miss him in the months and years to come even while we continue to reap the harvest of his great work."